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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371**

International Application No.: PCT/ES02/00161  
 International Filing Date: March 27, 2002  
 Priority Date Claimed: March 27, 2002  
 Title of Invention: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF HIGH-CONCENTRATION  
                                   MANGANESE MINI-TABLETS FOR ALLOYING ALUMINUM BATHS  
                                   AND DEVICE FOR IMPLEMENTING SAID METHOD  
 Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US: Rafael San Pedro Guerrenabarrena; Luis-Maria Gonzalez Hernandez; Gregorio  
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1.  This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
2.  This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
3.  This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4.  A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5.  A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2))
  - a)  is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b)  has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c)  a copy of Form PCT/1B/308 is enclosed.
  - d)  is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6.  A translation of the International Application into English (35 USC 371(c)(2)).
7.  Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))
  - a)  are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b)  have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c)  have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d)  have not been made and will not be made.
8.  A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)).
9.  An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC 371(c)(4)).
10.  A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report with any annexes thereto, such as any amendments made under PCT Article 34.

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11.  A translation of the annexes, such as any amendments made under PCT Article 34, to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC 371(c)(5)).

12.  An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

13.  An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.

14.  A FIRST preliminary amendment.

15.  A substitute specification.

16.  A power of attorney and/or address letter.

17.  International Application as published.

18.  The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

19.  A return prepaid postcard.

20.  The following fees are submitted:

<b>FEES</b>				
<b>BASIC FEE</b>				\$1,080
<b>CLAIMS</b>	<b>NUMBER FILED</b>	<b>NUMBER EXTRA</b>	<b>RATE</b>	
Total Claims	5 - 20 =	0 ×	\$18	\$0
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0 ×	\$86	\$0
Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable)			\$290	\$0
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS</b>				<b>\$1,080</b>
Reduction by 2 for filing by small entity (as claimed above)				\$540
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE</b>				<b>\$540</b>

21.  A check in the amount of \$580 to cover the above fee and fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). is enclosed.

22.  Five (5) sheets of drawings.

23.  International Search Report.

24.  Abstract.

25.  Form PCT/RO/101.

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26. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge only those additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, to avoid abandonment of the application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

27. NOTE: The Customer No. (#26574) referenced on the Declaration and Power of Attorney is incorrect. The firm of Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP is correctly identified in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as Customer No. 20,995.

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I hereby certify that the accompanying

Transmittal; Copy of International Application in 13 pages; English Translation of the Application; Preliminary Amendment in 5 pages; Declaration and Power of Attorney in 3 pages; Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449 with 13 references; Assignment; Recordation Form Cover Sheet in 3 pages; International Search Report, International Preliminary Examination Report, Abstract, Five sheets of drawings, Form PCT/RO/101; Check for Filing Fee and Recordation; Return Prepaid Postcard

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